

HOPE [AUDIOBOOK] & HOPE MUSICAL THEATER [SONG]

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Why do I still cling to this fear,
When I know that hope is drawing near?
Spiraling down this slippery road,
Slow to trust the grace bestowed.

Keeping to myself, hiding away,
Knowing I should rise and face the day.
Feeling so weak, sleeping past dawn,
Crying, "Lord, please help me carry on."

Thank God and Heaven's love above,
Pouring out unending, faithful love.
Upon a soul so weak and worn,
Through that love, new strength is born.

Don't feel foolish, we're all the same.
Darkness whispers guilt and shame.
Fiery arrows fill the night,
Yet God remains our strength and light.

Never think you're past the fall.
Remember your first Love through it all.

WHEN HOPE DRAWS NEAR

[Verse 1]

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When I know that hope is drawing near?
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Knowing I should rise and face the day
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Crying, Lord, please help me carry on

[Pre-Chorus]

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Fiery arrows fill the night
But You remain my strength and light

[Chorus]

Thank God and Heaven's love above
(Heaven's love above)
Pouring out unending, faithful love
(Unending love)
Upon a soul so weak and worn
Through that love, new strength is born
(Thank God)
Through that love, new strength is born

[Verse 2]

Never think you're past the fall
Remember your first Love through it all
When my hands shake and my tears run dry
You pull me back from the edge of the night

I was lost in the weight I wore
You met me gentle at the door
Now every broken place in me
Can learn again to breathe and believe

[Pre-Chorus]

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But You remain my strength and light

[Chorus]

Thank God and Heaven's love above
(Heaven's love above)
Pouring out unending, faithful love
(Unending love)
Upon a soul so weak and worn
Through that love, new strength is born
(Thank God)
Through that love, new strength is born

[Bridge]

When I can't stand, You hold me near
When I can't sing, You sing through me.
Past every lie, past every scar
You call me back, You call me Yours

[Chorus]

Thank God and Heaven's love above
(Heaven's love above)
Pouring out unending, faithful love
(Unending love)
Upon a soul so weak and worn
Through that love, new strength is born
(Thank God)
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[Outro]

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Remember Your first Love through it all

ANCHORED IN HOPE

[Verse 1]

The morning light feels thin and gray
But something in my spirit says to stay
The weight that pulled me down so long
Is lighter now—I hear Your song

I used to fight the turning tide
Now I let Your mercy be my guide
No need to prove that I am strong
Your arms have carried me this far along

[Pre-Chorus]

I'm not where I was, but I'm not yet there
Still learning how to trust the air

[Chorus]

Anchored in hope, not by my will
But by the grace that whispers "peace, be still"
When the waves rise and the doubts return
I fix my eyes on what I cannot earn
Thank God for love that never lets me go
I'm anchored in hope, and hope won't let me fall

[Verse 2]

The scars are still there, they tell the truth
Of every night I barely made it through
But they don't own me anymore
They're reminders of the open door

You meet me gentle in my shame
You call my name and fan the flame
No longer hiding, no more masks
I'm learning how to do what grace asks

[Pre-Chorus]

I'm not where I was, but I'm not yet there
Still learning how to trust the air

[Chorus]

Anchored in hope, not by my will
But by the grace that whispers "peace, be still"
When the waves rise and the doubts return
I fix my eyes on what I cannot earn
Thank God for love that never lets me go

I'm anchored in hope, and hope won't let me fall

[Bridge]

When fear tries to pull me back again

I'll remember where my story bends

Not in my strength, but in Your hands

The same hands that raised the dead and calmed the lands

You are the anchor, firm and true

I'm holding on because You're holding me too

[Chorus (softer, then building)]

Anchored in hope, not by my will

But by the grace that whispers "peace, be still"...

Thank God for love that never lets me go

I'm anchored in hope...

And hope won't let me fall

[Outro]

Remember Your first Love through it all

I'm anchored... anchored in hope